

The Daily Oregonian.

SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 22, 1861.

"STALWARTS" AND "BOSSES."

There are few who suppose that the course and uncompromising harangue alleged to have been delivered by Senator Conkling to Representative Hoar of New York, telegraphed yesterday, was actually uttered in the precise words in which it has been given to the country by an enterprising Washington correspondent. Mr. Conkling's leading traits are well known, and it is easy to imagine and credit them extraneous—i.e., novel writers of the Dickens school are accustomed by repeated touches of exaggeration to draw caricature rather than character. But there is in the report enough that will be recognized as "the Conkling style" to give an air of plausibility to it as a pretty true reflection of the "inwardness" of the New York senator and the thing called "stalwartism" which he represents. For some weeks the rumor has been bruited, till it has become what is called an open secret, that General Garfield has not been found the pliable man whom the "boss system" requires. The "stalwarts," in the political sense in which the term has been used for the last three or four years, was an expression first employed by Mr. Blaine to designate those who protested against the abandonment of Gov. Polk of Louisiana, and the southern regiments in general; at the time when President Hayes, shortly after taking office, found it necessary to adopt the policy of federal non-intervention in the affairs of the southern states. But Mr. Blaine did not grow fond of the word. He had too much sense to persist in using it as a term which would imply a division of sentiment in the republican party on a subject upon which, after President Hayes had taken the stand he did, was open no longer to discussion; and so he dropped it. But others took it up, and latterly it has been used to designate those republicans who believe chiefly in what is called "the machine," and devote themselves to operating it as a regular trade. In the sense in which Mr. Conkling uses "stalwartism" the term is precisely synonymous with "bossism." But the boss system is the thing which the republican party is fully resolved not to have or tolerate. This was the spirit that dominated the Chicago convention. To it General Garfield owed his nomination; and to the fact that he was well understood to be opposed to the system he owes his election. No doubt Mr. Conkling and those for whom he essayed to speak as "stalwarts" rendered powerful aid, as it was their duty to do. But they did not, of themselves, elect General Garfield, and it affords very general satisfaction throughout the country to observe that their parturition is a sign that they themselves are receding in the condition that the new president is not to be their humble servant, sitting in the executive office simply to register their will. While the report to Mr. Conkling is very probably exaggerated, it will be appreciated generally by those who know him and are acquainted with his relations to politics, as an expression of the feeling that governs him. Mr. Conkling, though not a great man among the greatest, is yet an incomparable man; but his policies in these matters reduce him below his usual status and blemishes his reputation.

H. W. S. TAXATION.

Oregon legislatures have from time to time wrestled with the question of assessment and taxation, without being able to frame a law which would exemplify the provision of the constitution that "all taxation must be equal and uniform." Nor have other states been less successful to a much greater extent, in the same direction. What to tax and how to make the levy, are questions of great importance and their solution an object worthy of the most statesmanlike mind. California attempted a sweeping remedy for the old system in adopting her new constitution, and those who framed it deemed that they had secured the long sought uniformity and equality in the distribution of the public burden, which each member of the community ought to bear. But the result shows how much they were mistaken. It is found, since the assessment was made in San Francisco that over \$450,000 worth of bonds, stocks and personal property, including money and improvements in that city alone, were assessed at less than \$120,000, while the assessed value of real estate is \$100,000,000 below its actual value. The assessment roll of the state shows taxable property of the value in round numbers of \$600,000,000, while the market value of the property in the state subject to taxation is estimated at \$1,550,000,000. The governor in his message called attention to these glaring inconsistencies in the workings of the new system, but points out no other way to prevent or remedy them.

President Hopkins of the Social Science Association of San Francisco in a lecture on this subject advocated the taxation of land only; but it does not follow that the plan would be effective, greatly simplify matters or have much chance of success in a community the property owners of which already consider themselves over-housed. Again, such a plan would have a tendency to lessen the number of land owners, and the present management seems determined to run things themselves and crowd out those who differ from them as to policy.

MARRIAGE.
In this city, Jan. 10, James Ingram, aged 72 years, Illinois paper, please copy.
Miss Clara Newell and Mr. Geo. Silver, both of this city.

DIED.
Near Mt. Tabor, Jan. 7, James Ingram, aged 72 years. Illinois paper, please copy.
Franklin, Mrs. Anna Fletcher, widow, infant daughter of Paul and Anna Fletcher.

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NOTICE.
GRAND RALLY, BOYNTON IN BLUEZ. AT THE GRANGE HALL, 1817, PORTLAND, ON SATURDAY, JUN. 24, 1861. All members are specially requested to be in attendance without fail, as business of great importance will be transacted. Order President presiding. W. L. HENDERSON, SECRETARY.

TAFFEL'S EXHIBITION.
SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 21, at 8 o'clock, at Kitter's shop, Room No. 104 First street, fully illustrated desired. By order of President.

NOTICE.
AMERICAN AUCTION SALE. THE ENTIRE STOCK OF GROCERIES OF M. J. GRIFFITH, 1817, PORTLAND, ON SATURDAY, JUN. 24, 1861, AT 10 o'clock. Bidders, large and small, are invited to bid. TOM KELLY, Assessor.

creeds, and laid the note on the table, saying mezzo voice, "Two hundred on the red." The red won, and 400 francs were

one of the first thoroughly educated men who came to Oregon and his influence upon the state's interests and thoughts of the state during early days was marked and important. He leaves a wife, seven children with him in Christian work, and several sons and daughters all grown to maturity.

The Bostonians are congratulating themselves on the whole the vaccination of Massachusetts, 1,753,000, is not very large compared with other states, it is 1,400 more than the combined population of the states of Vermont, New Hampshire, Delaware, Colorado and Oregon, and the territories of Idaho, Montana, Arizona, New Mexico and Washington. The population of Boston is 362,000, which is larger than any of either of the states of New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Colorado, Delaware, Nevada, Oregon or Oregon, and is about one-half larger than any of the territories. The Massachusetts people go farther and boast that they are second to let them be put to the test of New England as compared with other sections of the country.

A Washington correspondent mentions as a striking fact that W. H. Vanderbilt individually, even more registered United States bonds than are owned in all the nation's western states and territories. These states and territories have a population of over twenty millions, yet there is held among them but \$40,000,000 of registered bonds, or less than Mr. Vanderbilt. In the other four states \$13,000,000 are owned, or about one-fourth the amount held by a single citizen in New York." The twenty millions in states and territories may have the satisfaction of knowing that, though they lack the governments themselves, the exactions of Vanderbilt had made them poor in his purse.

Landlords and their agents in Ireland have hitherto been on the threatening lookout, and the "boycott" process, but now the tables are turned. A few days ago Mr. Parrott, Mr. Dill and other prominent landlords were the recipients of identical notes warning them that they are about to "receive their quietus" in order that peace may be restored to Ireland, and alleging that the present distressing situation has been brought upon the country by their "vile machinations." The letters convey the intelligence that "the agitators are to be shot early in 1861."

Mrs. Halsted is fixing up a cabinet for General Garfield, and has given five of the seven members as follows: Blaine for secretary of state; Foster for secretary of the interior; Campbell, of West Virginia, for postmaster general; Senator Bruce, late of Mississippi, now of Ohio, for secretary of the navy, and Allison, of Iowa, for the treasury. If Mr. Halsted hasn't time to select a war minister and an attorney-general, it is possible that other journalists may be found to assist him.

The commissioner of Indian affairs has informed the senate that the Sioux of Nebraska, Chippewas of Wisconsin and numerous other tribes of Indians have signed a desire to be located upon farming lands in sovereignty, and to have patents issued to them for such lands. This was the unanimous wish, he states, of most of the tribes, and very few, besides the two civilized nations in the Indian territory, to whom the place has been assigned, have failed to favor the movement.

"There may be some among our readers who will think that the death of a mere writer of fiction is not a theme upon which a daily newspaper ought to descend," says the Indo Mercury, one of the most enterprising of English journals, in announcing the death of George Eliot. The British public, observes the New York Mail, must be amazingly obtuse if it has failed to relish a discussion of the character of such a "hero writer of fiction" as the late Mrs. Cross.

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4. Soliloquy (Schubert).

5. Allegro (Mozart). 6. Piano solo, Prof. E. Weible, Mr. B. P. F. L. 7. Violin solo, Mr. J. H. Hart.

8. Recital from "Die Zauberflöte." 9. Concerto (Mozart).

10. Overture "Manzoni." 11. Concerto (Mozart).

12. Selections from "Faust." 13. Concerto (Mozart).

14. Selections from "Faust." 15. Concerto (Mozart).

16. "Corporal Punishment." 17. Comic Sketches. 18. Selections from "The Prophets." 19. Adagio.

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